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Door Belwyn:

We have now concluded our talks with Dr. Adenance and Herr von Ereatano and I would like to give you a brief account of the discussions of the White House and here in the Stake Department. Succept for the Chancellor's proposal for a pickinstic in West Burtle (which I shall comment on later) the visit produced no surprises. The range of subjects covered its fairly accurately readested in the joint statement which was issued after the meeting of the President and the Chanceller at the White House.

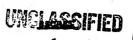
As you might expect, the Chancellor, both publicly and estimately complement the importance he attached to the discovariance quantities. He trinks that the Heads of Government must do everything in their gover to make progress in this field. He plantly does not think we can judy on the Tun-Power Group at Opacea to make the progress he considers messessery. We can all certainty agree that the triple fit of parameter importance.

The Chambeller, laying street on the unity of the Openan political parties on the Berlin and German questions, reconstraint is will imposes to bask up the Grammer of the German position with their will impose to the damperous descentances which such in dillines in high free its is the damperous descentances which but it is dillines in high free its is thee. For our port, we developed two points in response. The first was that we did not initiat to withdraw American Brees from Empso unit outstand progress has been achieved found a workable discussment program. Until that course we would not even discuss the matter. The second was that the American flag would be flying over Perlin as long as precent conditions continued and no agreement acceptable to the Federal Republic and West Berlin had been concluded. At the same time we have been stressing to the Germans that starting from this basis, it should be possible to consider realistically the various alternatives upon to the West.

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The Chancellor's public proposal for a plobiscite in West Berlia not only caught to by surprise; it was a new idea to his estourage and his Sinhäney here. Shope he made the proposal the Germane have been having second throughts. They are now thinking in terms not of a plobiscite to be conducted by his, but rather by the political parties in Berlin. This would make the plobinging heat form measure, with fewer purifical evertuens, and have the newsings that it could more easily be arranged before the Summit meeting takes place. That method would also avoid prejudging the modalities of a possible plobiscite in East Germany.

We have taken me position on the ploticeite idea. Seen in its modified form we can see certain disadvantages which need to be carefully needland. First off, the insistien to be put to a ploticeits small have to be very carefully formulated indeed. Secondly, while we have little doubt on this secre, there is always the possibility that the ploticeite result might be less than drawnhalming on our ride. But might desperous of all is the implication that the results of the ploticeite are designed as form of pressure on us, puther than the Soviete, that it semishow gives us less freedom of action than we might otherwise here. Finally, a phobicule conducted on the Western aide might haven the public acceptability of failure possible proposals to our hide for ploticeites in Seet Germany and Hapt Berlin. In may case, we empet the Germany and Buy their proposal before us in the Four Power Western Group on Germany and Borlin, where we can all have a go at the advantages and disadvantages of the idea.

We discussed General Norstad's plan for a sens of inspection with the Channellor a bit and then had longer takes on this subject with Herr von Breatman. The Germans advanced their usual the on the undesirability of proposing plans to the Sovieta which covered limited zones, since these tend to lead to the neutralization in a political, as well as a military sense, of the area Gererad.

After considerable discussion, Brentano was at least able to agree that it would be a good idea to consult General Norstad on the military value of a some of inspection. Once we have an appraisal from him, the Germana will have a basis on which to provide their own military comments. I taink this represents a measure of progress in getting





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forward with the idea, although one cannot be too optimistic considering the firmness of the German position. You Breatano made quite clear that the Germans would oppose any zone limited to a Suropean area constituted principally by Germany. We agreed that it was very especially secessary to avoid any look to the effect that this idea was even being considered.

We told Breatano we had no fixed ideas on the area which should be included in the mose of inspection although we always included Alaska and a portion of Siberia in the discussions. We also told him that we are interested primarily in safeguards against surprise ettack and the defense of Europa. The Serietz are not libely to accept any proposal we make, but it will provide a good test of whether they are interested in simpletion moses. After General Regulards demonstrates are available, we think tots problem might be convexed in the Four Power Working Group on Germany and Berlin.

You will, of course, be getting further details of our take through the regular channels. I have only tried to mention in this letter what second to use to be the highlights. As you can see, the takes, while certainly useful, produced no particular new developments in connection with our Summit propagations.

With verment personal regards,

Most sincerely,



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